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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UR, US

SUBJ: REPORTED ANTI-COMMUNIST MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON

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1. A FEW DAYS AGO A SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICER COMMUNICATED TO US UNOFFICIALLY THE EMBASSY'S CONCERN OVER A PLANNED MEETING IN THE US OF THE "ANTI-BOLSHEVIK BLOC OF NATIONS" SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON APRIL 6, AND OF A MEETING OF THE "WORLD ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE," SCHEDULED FOR THE STATLER HILTON IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 8-11. IN REGARD TO THE LATTER MEETING, THE SOVIET EMBASSY SUGGESTED THAT THE PROXIMITY OF THE STATLER HILTON TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY MIGHT RESULT IN A VIOLATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RULE AGAINST HOSTILE DEMONSTRATIONS WITHIN 500 FEET OF A DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENT.

2. WE INFORMED THE SOVIET EMBASSY THAT CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY PRECLUDE USG INTERFERENCE IN PLANS OF PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TO HOLD MEETINGS, BUT REITERATED ASSURANCES THAT OUR LAWS REGARDING PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE IMMEDIATE

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VICINITY OF FOREIGN EMBASSIES WOULD BE ENFORCED.

3. THE FBI HAS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION ON THE
ORGANIZATIONS CITED BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY, AND IT IS OUR

UNDERSTANDING THAT NEITHER ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN
ASSOCIATED IN THE PAST WITH VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS,
THOUGH PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED BY
THEM. THE EXECUTIVE PROTECTION SERVICE AND THE D.C.
POLICE HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF DEMON-
STRATIONS AND HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE
PROTECTION TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY (SOVIET EMBASSY SO
INFORMED).

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT NO MEMBERS OF WHITE HOUSE STAFF
WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THESE MEETINGS. SOME SENATORS
AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, HOWEVER, PLAN TO DO SO.

5. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON ABOVE AS APPROPRIATE IN
ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS RAISED BY SOVIET EMBASSY. RUSH

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